

# KILDWICK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*To inspire a love of learning within a Christian community, Promoting tolerance, creativity and a zest for life*

## Drugs and Substance misuse Policy

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### Drugs Education

The aims of drugs education is:

- To enable young people to make responsible, healthy, informed choices about the role drugs might play in their lifestyle, by acquiring sound information, exploring attitudes and values and by developing effective decision-making and communication skills.
- To promote the self-esteem and sense of self-worth of every individual pupil irrespective of their academic abilities.
- To increase awareness and understanding of possible legal, social, economic and health consequences arising from the use and misuse of drugs.
- To enable pupils to identify sources of appropriate support.

These aims will be met through the programmes of study within the curriculum and particularly within science, PE, RE and PSHE, as well as through extra-curricular activities such as Crucial Crew in Year 6.

Our school PSHE programme of study includes a focus on drugs education. This programme of study is available to view on our school website.

Where anyone from outside the school contributes to the programme of work they will do so in accordance with this policy.

### Good Practice

The influence which adults, including teachers, non-teachers, parents and others can have on young people cannot be underestimated. Presenting young people with clear, unequivocal role models that are consistent with what we teach in schools is very helpful. Positive role models include:

- Not smoking on school premises, school transport or in the vicinity of the school perimeter; including e-cigarettes.
- Being alcohol free whilst caring for pupils either in or out of school on an activity for which the school is responsible.
- Ensuring that by reason of medication or other drug use we are not impaired in carrying out our responsibilities as parents, teachers or governors.

The support of all in promoting such role models is encouraged and welcomed.

### Dealing with Drug Related Incidents.

Whilst drug related issues have been non-existent in recent times within the Kildwick School Community, it is a responsible approach to have clear guidelines in place should a drugs related incident occur. Any drug related incident will be considered individually and in consultation with other relevant professionals (Child Protection, Police, School Nurse) with due regard to balancing the interests of any individual involved with those of the wider school community. Examples of responses to drug related incidents vary from a reprimand to being reported to the police, from being offered advice and support to being excluded from school. As the latter serves only to transfer problems not resolve them, exclusions will normally be a sanction reserved for use when other measures have failed.

In dealing with incidents the following will be taken into account:

- Confidentiality - Schools cannot offer total confidentiality to pupils but as far as is possible we will ensure that information provided is treated carefully and sensitively.
- Police contact - There is no legal obligation on a school to contact the police. However in any case of an alleged *supply of a controlled drug* the police will be informed. In other cases, the school will determine whether to involve the police. It is a matter for the police if further action follows. Police on school premises without either a parent knowing or being present will not normally interview pupils. In the event of them so doing then a senior member of the school staff will be present.
- Parents - Although there is no legal obligation on the school to inform parents if their son/daughter is involved in a drug related incident, the school will contact parents as soon as is reasonably practicable. We would expect to work with parents and the individual pupil to successfully resolve any problems. In such cases, staff should consult the Child Protection Policy for guidance if required.

**Drugs on premises / persons - If drugs, (excluding medicines) are found on premises or on individuals the drugs should be seized and secured by the teacher or other adult member of staff finding them. The incident should be reported to the Headteacher who will inform the police.**